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Honorable Birch Bayh, Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have been asked by the Counsel to the President to transmit to you the enclosed copy of the President's letter to me of 19 September 1978. That letter implements Section 3-403 of Executive Order 12036 by establishing a standard to be followed in reporting to your Committee "information relating to intelligence activities that are illegal or improper and corrective actions that are taken or planned."

I of course will assume responsibility for reporting to your Committee under the President's standard so far as concerns activities of CIA. So far as concerns activities of other intelligence agencies, I am informed that the President has sent letters similar to the enclosure to the Attorney General, relative to the FBI, and to the Secretary of Defense.

Yours sincerely,
/s/ Stansfield Turner

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Robert J. Lipshutz
Counsel to the President